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MAY 2011

4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

National Volunteer Week was April 11-16, 2011. I want to give a special thanks to all of the 4-H volunteers. Your dedication and willingness to help young learn and grow in the 4-H program is invaluable. The 4-H program would not exist without your commitment to take action and be involved.

I encourage each 4-H member to be sure and tell the volunteers "THANK YOU" for all they do!

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FINDING YOUR INITIALS IN THE NEWSLETTER

Look for your initials and birthdate in the newsletter. A sample looks like this: (deg/05/12/60). If you find your initials, call the Extension Office at 256-2828 and 4-H Council will mail you a \$5.00 check.

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

The Montana 4-H Youth Congress is a great opportunity for senior 4-H members to take part in a wonderful, educational, competitive, social and fun experience. Where else but in 4-H could you have such a week? Congress takes place on the MSU Campus in Bozeman, Montana and is open to all 4-H members that are 14 years old or older as of October 1, 2010. The dates for

the 2011 Montana 4-H Youth Congress are July 12-15, 2011.

All members interested in attending 4-H Congress can qualify through winning a county contest, being a county ambassador or by nomination from a Leader. A written nomination by a 4-H Leader is due at the May 4-H Council Meeting (May 5th, 2011). Members are chosen to attend based on the nomination and an interview conducted by the Council Executive Committee.

Selection of 4-H Congress delegates will be based upon the applications, results of county contests (blue ribbon demonstrations, blue ribbon public speaking, senior Showcase winners, quilt winners, top competitors in Horse Judging, top competitors in Livestock Judging, top four competitors in Horse Skillathon, and top competitors in Gavel Games), records, interviews, and any state requirements.

A meeting will be held the last week of May so anyone interested in a contest as a team member must notify Roni by May 20th.

MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 2011 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum will be held in Big Sky, September 23-25, 2011. More information will soon be available at the Extension Office and on the web.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 at the Courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.



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4-H TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER PROMOTION

4-H paper clovers are being sold in the Tractor Supply Stores in Billings and Laurel from April 15 – April 25. Clovers are sold for \$1 each at the stores and then displayed. Thanks to Tractor Supply and all of the folks who purchased clovers. Be sure to tell the local stores “thank you” for their support.

COMMUNICATION CONTEST DAY

A very special thanks to Nancy and Lauris Byxbe for again making Communication Contest Day a success. The members that attended had a fun, educational day. Thanks to all of the judges, platform assistants and runners who helped. It takes many hours of planning and organizing to make an event like Communication Contest Day successful. As the organizer you need to secure the facility, get judges and helpers, plan the schedule, make the score cards, sort the boxes of supplies and ribbons and complete many other details.

It is important that as members you try your best to follow through and attend the activity if you register. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

LEADER’S COLLEGE LEVEL 2

Leader’s College Level 2 was held last month. The group of leaders attending were asked to share what they learned. Below are the results:

4-H Stew Just for You

- 4 cups youth & adult leaders with open hearts & willing hands
- 2 cups sautéed training and mentoring
- 1 cup shredded pieces of a clear head to communicate and listen openly and effectively
- 1 cup an open heart to affirm support
- 1 dash each of chaos and rigidity for fun and support
- 3 cups chopped of healthy hard work and play to serve others

Add all in a slow cooker so that flavor added to others to combine and support. Enjoy over a lifetime.

Positive youth partnership x positive cooperative leadership = healthy adults and leadership

4-H CAMP

Camp will be held June 7–10, 2011 at the Beartooth Mountain Christian Camp. Scholarships are available. For information on the scholarships, refer to your camp applications. Applications due Friday, May 6th, are available online and from the Extension Office.

WHITE SHIRT & BLACK PANTS EXCHANGE

Have a white shirt or black pants that are too small? Need some new items? Check out the items on the mezzanine at the Extension Office. Take what you need, leave what no longer fits! Please make certain the clothes are washed.

FOOD SAFETY CLASS

Anyone considering doing Fair Concessions or any summer job that involves serving food, is encouraged to attend the Food Safety Class on Tuesday, May 11th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. Adults and members are welcome to attend the class. A short test for Food Safety Certification will be given. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, May 6th. Contact Mary Cardwell @ 670-9930 with questions.

CHAIN LINK FENCING NEEDED

We are in need of chain link panels or chain link in good condition for the small animal barn at fair. If you have some lying around we can probably put it to use. Contact Norma Seder at 670-5190.

4-H LICENSE PLATE

The 4-H license plate is still available. Be sure to ask for the application at the Motor Vehicle Department when you renew/purchase your next license.

METRA (FAIRGROUNDS) 4-H CLEAN UP DAY

4-H parents and members are needed to clean up the grounds at Metra!

When: Saturday, May 14
 8:00 ~ 8:45 a.m.: breakfast
 9:00 a.m. ~ noon: clean up
 Where: Yellowstone Room

Pre sign up is not required but would help with mapping out the grounds. Email or call the Extension Office if possible. This is being sponsored through a grant from Loveland Products, Inc. and Crop Production Services.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS

The 35th annual Montana Range Days will be held in Deer Lodge, MT located in Powell County, June 13-15, 2011.

Range Days is designed to include the entire family from youngsters at least 4 years of age up to and including adult competitions. There will be both individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas.

An early registration deadline of June 1st, 2011 has been set and will save money for both individuals and families.

For more information please contact the Extension Office or log onto the Range Days website at: www.montanarangeday.org scroll down and click on the first "Montana Range Days" button to obtain registration forms and information.

MONTANA YOUTH RANGE CAMP

The 2011 Montana Youth Range Camp will be held June 27-July 1, 2011 at 7V Ranch in Brussett, MT. Campers age 12-18 will learn about plant ID/anatomy, soil/geology, grazing management, water/riparian and range monitoring. Applications are on the Yellowstone County 4-H website and are due June 17th. Only 25 spots available so register early.

For more information, contact the Extension Office or the Montana Youth Range Camp website at: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/> Or call Heidi Crum @ 406-444-6619.

2011 FRUIT SALE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following members for being the top five sellers.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of boxes</u>
Stormy Penn	Kountry Kritters	64
Taylor Acheson	Huntley Eagles	41
Sara Hutzenbiler	Shepherd Pioneers	32
Hunter Bazelon	Project Rockin Wranglers	32
Dawson Seibold	City Kids	30½
KaCee Erickson	City Kids	28½

Thanks to all members and leaders for making the Fruit Sale a success. Thanks also to Shayne Meskiman of Lockwood IGA for being a great 4-H supporter.

2011 MONTANA 4-H STATE AWARDS

State award applications are due to the 4-H Center postmarked by May 1st, 2011.

The state award application can be obtained at the Extension Office or on the state 4-H website (www.montana4h.org) under Programs and then under Awards and Recognition. The Montana 4-H State Award program is to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas. All applicants must be 14-19 years old prior to October 1, 2010. State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and receive a certificate of achievement and a medal. Winners are also eligible to attend National 4-H Congress.

General tips for completing a state award application:

- Read and follow all of the instructions and requirements.
- QUALITY COUNTS, not quantity.
- The selection committee judges based on what they can see. Activities/Achievements may overlap in several sections, but DON'T REPEAT YOURSELF.
- Give all the information.
- Tell your own story.

GRADUATION WELL WISHES

Our congratulations and well wishes go to all 4-H members who are graduating from high school this year. We wish you the best! Those graduating are:

Samantha Albrecht	Project Rockin Wranglers
Erica Anderson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Cortney Bromenshenk	Hesper Hustlers
Sky Caufield	Shepherd Pioneers

Nicole Haack	Ruff Riders
Sarah Haffey	Ruff Riders
Kelsey Johnson	Town and Country
Carrie Krug	Laurel Roadrunners
Kelsey McNeil	Town and Country
Autumn McSweyn	Kountry Kritters
Ty Nansel	Hesper Hustlers
Kayla Nelson	Worden Riverdale
Sashka Pastelyak	Kountry Kritters
Rebecca Quanbeck	Shepherd Pioneers
Dillon Sallee	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Dillon Sundheim	Boots & Britches
Dylan Trafford	Boots & Britches
Jena Wagner	Hesper Hustlers
Darci Walker	Yellowstone Mavericks

FAIR

Do you want to help plan the activities at Fair in Department N? You can organize the Foods Festival/ Edible Arts Contest, Showcase, Awards Program, Class Judging or the Quiz Bowl. To be involved, be sure to sign up for the Department N Junior Coordinator Award on your Fair Entry form. Additional information can be found in the Department N section of the Exhibitors Handbook.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Host families are still needed for Japanese delegates this summer during July 22 – August 18 (dates vary) and high school FLEX students (mid-August through May). Contact Stephanie Davison at 406-994-3502 or email at sdavison@montana.edu for more information.

FAIR CAMPER SPACES

The same camper spaces will be available at the MontanaFair this year. The whole area will be for 4-H only. Sewer, water and electricity are available.

Those wanting a space must reserve, pay and complete all paperwork by July 1st. The cost for a full hookup camper space will be \$15.00 per night. We will be mailing invoices and space agreements at the end of June.

Make checks payable to METRA and mail to Roni Baker, Yellowstone County Extension Office, PO Box

35021, Billings, MT 59107. Refunds will be given until August 1. After August 1 no refund will be given. Call the Extension Office at 256-2828 to reserve a camper space.

SHOOTING SPORTS POSTAL MATCH

The following members participated in the Montana 4-H Pistol Postal Match participants from Yellowstone County:

Dawson Bender	Matthew Combs
Kaylee Davis	Orin Dedmore
Logan Donnally	Nathan Downey
Kaleb Flowers	Paisley Gonzales
Colton Hawkins	Sydney McQuire
Kyle Schaff	Tyler Schaff

SHOOTING SPORTS THANK YOU

Special thanks to the Blue Creek Sport Shooting Complex and Preserve, owned by Jim and Stephanie Bailey, for allowing 4-H members and leaders to utilize their facility and waiving the membership fee. Your support of 4-H is greatly appreciated. Shooting sports members and leaders should have received information about this opportunity. Talk to your shooting sports leader or contact the Extension Office for information.

TELL ME YOUR STORY EVENT

Join us for a Speak Out Leadership Event. Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK) is a youth led, adult sponsored project that generates community awareness on issues faced by youth of military families before, during and after a parent's deployment.

The event is for military and non-military teens in 7th grade and up. It will be held July 6th and 7th at the Big Horn Resort. A registration form is included in this newsletter and the deadline is June 24th.

GET SET FOR THE FUTURE EVENT

Have you ever wondered how to program a robot, how wind energy works, or what aerospace involves? The Get SET (Science, Engineering, Technology) for the Future

Operation Military Kids Day Camp is designed for youth ages 9-19 who are interested in Science, Engineering and Technology. The day will also include games and fun activities and everyone will get to participate in a Videography workshop.

The camp takes place on Saturday, May 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm at the Sage Center at MetraPark. Cost for non-military youth is \$10. There is no cost for military youth. Registration is due May 16th. Registration forms are in the this newsletter or can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website.

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The purpose of this grant program is to assist funding community development projects conducted by rural youth organizations such as 4-H, by encouraging rural youth to conduct projects that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana communities, and to improve interactions between the rural and urban portions of these communities.

Grant requirements and an application can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website. Postmark deadline is May 15, 2011.

CLOVERBUDS WORKSHOP

All Cloverbuds & their parents are invited to the next workshop on Thursday, May 19th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in Courthouse Room 105. We also want to plan a field trip to a local farm to learn about all different kinds of animals. Date for this is pending. Please call Stephanie Johnson @ 252-4115 to RSVP for the workshop and let her know if you are interested in the field trip.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Northwest Industrial Supply
Reisig Agency Inc.

K4 Cattle Company
Raffia

Loveland Products Inc. Crop Production Service
Agro Culture Liquid Fertilizers Blue Cat Bar & Grill

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

The next Department N meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse. Please plan on attending.

CAKE KIDS

There will be a cake decorating meeting Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 at the Courthouse. We will do graduation, Father's Day or any special occasion cake. 1st, 3rd, & 4th year bring a cake, icing, board and decorating tools. We will use a blend of what we have learned this year. 2nd year bring a character cake. Please RSVP by May 13th to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or Carol at 839-7420 (leave a message). See you there. ~ Carol

CERAMICS

Our next ceramics class is Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 am to noon in Courthouse Room 105. This will be our last meeting for the year. Bring all of your finished projects, those you still need to finish and your record books. There may also be a surprise! If you have any questions call Marilyn @ 697-4015. It's been great working with all of you!

2011 NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL

This year, Montana will send another team to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational, held in San Antonio, TX, June 20-24. The top scorers (over age 14) from the air rifle, air pistol and small bore events at the 2011 State Shoot are eligible to participate on a team at the National Match.

The archery qualifying event for the National Invitational begins at 8:00 a.m. in Livingston on Saturday, May 14th. This 3 round event has been structured after the National Event and will include FITA, Field and 3-D archery. The Archery Qualifier is open to 4-H members

that are 13 and older by Jan. 1, 2011 (only those qualifying and 14 or over by January 1, 2011 are eligible to attend the National Shoot). Look for additional information coming soon.

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

HORSE & COLT MEETING

The May 18th Horse & Colt meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. At this meeting we will also be discussing job descriptions for fair duties. Duties will be assigned at the June Horse & Colt meeting.

ANNUAL CAT SHOW

The annual cat show (our fair event) will be on Saturday, May 14th, in the Sage Center, MetraPark. Saturday check in will be at 8:00 - 8:15 a.m. with the show starting at 8:30 a.m. You should have received your entry in the mail. Remember, you need a carrier for your cat to spend the day in, we won't have cages there. Awards will be given immediately following the show. No lunch will be served. Any questions, call Roni at the Extension Office 256-2828.

HORSE ID CARDS DUE MAY 31

A reminder to all horse members, you must have a completed Horse ID card with a photo of your horse, proof of vaccination (stapled to the back), and your leader's signature into the Extension Office by May 31st. **If you do not have a completed card in the office, you cannot enter the fair.** Horse ID cards are available from your leader or at the Extension Office.

HORSE FINAL ASSESSMENTS

Final assessment forms signed by the leader are due into the Extension Office on June 15th. The level you are in on June 15th is the one you will show at for Fair. You must also be signed up for all options by this deadline.

4-H WESTERN HORSMANSHIP CAMP

Wes & Dixie Osborne are offering a horse camp for those members enrolled in Western Horsemanship Lv. 1. Camp is limited to the first 15 registrants and parents must stay onsite for the duration of the camp.

WHEN: Sunday, June 5th 2:00 to 5:00 pm

WHERE: MetraPark Superbarn

COST: \$10 per rider

Registration forms are included in this newsletter and are available on the County 4-H website

www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension/county4h

Deadline: May 27th.

WORKING RANCH HORSE CLINIC

James Keyes, the founder of the Utah 4-H Working Ranch Horse Project, will be coming to Bozeman to conduct this workshop on June 4-5, for 4-H leaders and members. Mr. Keyes will focus on horsemanship, teaching techniques, and the necessary skills involved in 4-H Working Ranch Horse. Registration deadline is May 16th. Registration forms can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website.

DOUG FOX RIDING CLINIC

When: May 19-22, 2011

Where: JS Arena, Vaughn, MT

What: This is a western clinic open to enrolled 4-H members, leaders and non-4-H adults and youth. Youth must be 8 years old on October 1, 2010 to participate. Registration deadline is May 6th. Registration forms can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website.

LAST HORSE HELMET WORKSHOP!

June 15 – Wed., 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. – Courthouse Rm. 105

Montana State University Extension: 4-H Horse Helmet Policy

Participants (and a parent or guardian) in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on their 4-H age – age as of Oct. 1 when the 4-H

year starts. If the young person has taken the class as a junior they do not need to take the class again until they turn 14. The member only needs to take the class once when they are over the age 14. A parent or guardian must attend the class with the child.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether or not they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or untimed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.

All 4-H sponsored horse shows will follow this helmet policy. **More classes will NOT be added after the June 15th class. This is the final opportunity for 2011.**

LAST ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING!

Anyone planning on exhibiting animals at the MontanaFair must have attended an Animal Quality Assurance Workshop.

2011 New Policy: 4-H members are required to take Animal Quality Assurance once as a beginner age 8-10, once as a junior age 11-13, and once as a senior age 14 and older. This age is based on their 4-H age – age as of Oct. 1 when the 4-H year starts. If the young person has taken the class as a junior they do not need to take the class again until they turn 14. The member only needs to take the class once when they are over the age of 14. A parent or guardian must attend the class with the child.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time and staying for the complete 1½ hours. If

you are not in attendance for the complete training you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. More classes will **NOT** be added after the June 4th class.

June 4- Saturday - 9:00 ~ 10:30 a.m.
PAYS - Swine/Sheep Tagging

SHEEP & SWINE EAR TAGGING JUNE 4

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market sheep or a market swine in the MontanaFair **must** have their animal tagged on:

Saturday, June 4

Where: PAYS Livestock Yards - 18 & Minnesota Avenue
When: 8:00 ~ 11:00 a.m. Weigh In
9:00 ~ 10:30 a.m. Animal Quality
Assurance Training

You need to bring your animals as early as possible. If you have another commitment that day, you need to ask your parent, friend or neighbor to bring your animals. **It is your responsibility to get your animal there.** If you have any questions or your animal has lost an ear tag, please call the Extension Office at 256-2828. (ev/11/20/98)

SKILLATHON MATERIALS

Skillathon materials are available for check out from the Extension Office. **All materials must be returned to the office by June 15th, 2011. No exceptions!**

ADVANCED MARKET BEEF TOUR

4-H members have the opportunity to take an inside look at the beef industry by participating in the Advanced Youth Market Beef Tour, June 2-3, in the Great Falls Area. This tour is targeted toward members taking the market beef project as a way for them to investigate the beef industry beyond the market sale at their local county fair. The tour schedule and registration can be found on the Yellowstone County 4-H website.

JACKPOT SHOWS

As we get ready to kick off the summer show season, do not forget to put these on your calendar.

6th Annual Missouri River Royal

May 1st, 2011, Choteau County Fairgrounds, Ft. Benton
Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.
Questions? Call Laurie McCullough @ 406-737-4452 or Christine Riffel @ 406-734-5440

17th Annual Mountain Magic Jr. Classic Steer & Heifer Show

~ Saturday, May 21st, 2011 in Bozeman
Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.
Questions? Call Kari Wagner at 670-9619 or email: wagnerk@billings.k12.mt.us

Marias and Teton Feeder Show

June 4th, 2011 ~ Weatherbeater Barn, Choteau, MT
Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.
Questions? Call Janet Hawks @ 406-432-5355 or Terry Stephens @ 406-466-2351

Townsend Valley Jackpot Show

June 5th, 2011 ~ Broadwater County Fairgrounds
Questions? Call Virginia Kneer @ 406-980-2054, John Rauser @ 406-949-1733, or Mario Leachman @ 406-581-0531

Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.

Huntley Eagles 4-H Club Jackpot

June 12th 2011 ~ Hardin Fairgrounds
Contact - Bambi Dalke (406) 967-2690 or Trish Hays (406) 875-2152
Camper spaces available with hooks up for a fee.

Worden Riverdale Premier Jackpot Show

June 11th, 2011 ~ Hardin Fairgrounds
Camper spaces available with hooks up for a fee.
Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.

Helena Jackpot Show

June 11th, 2011 ~ Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds, Helena
Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.
Questions: Call Jeff Patten @ 406-449-6947

Gillette Jackpot Show

June 11&12, 2011 ~ Gillette, WY
For entry forms call Vicky Black @ 307-689-4441

Junior Beef Expo

June 16-18, 2011 ~ Lewistown
For entry forms call Mardi Linhart at 406-366-4667 or email: mmcattleservice@yahoo.com

Northwest College Jackpot

June 18th, 2011 ~ Powell, WY

For information call Quin @ 307-899-3553

Project Rockin Wranglers Goat Show

June 25th, 2011 ~ Grassy area in front of Nile building at MetraPark

Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website.
Questions? Call Connie McQuire @ 671-9304 or Tracy Siemion @ 208-3532

Dillon Feeder Show

June 25th, 2011 ~ Dillon, MT
For information call Shelli Schuett @ 406-683-2406 or email shooit@zipmt.com

6th Annual Yellowstone Classic

~ June 26, 2011
For more information call Paul Bromenshenk at 656-7173.

The shows have pig, lamb and steers, plus showmanship competitions. See you at the shows.

HOG WATERERS FOR SALE

The big barrel hog waterers used at the MontanaFair are for sale. The Sale Committee is selling them for \$25 each. Interested? Contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP & FITTING CLINIC

Yellowstone County is hosting a Goat Showmanship and Fitting clinic for all youth in District 7 interested in learning how to show and properly fit goats for fair.

The clinic will take place on Sunday, May 22nd, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Sage Center at MetraPark. Registration deadline is May 16th and forms are included in this newsletter.

FAIR JR. LIVESTOCK SALE POLICY

Once again this year, sale checks will not be mailed out until a thank you note to the Livestock Sale Buyer has been written, stamped and delivered to the Club Organizational Leader or designated Club Leader. Out of county participants will send or deliver thank you's to the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent.

BIG SKY TRAIL RIDE

Discover the Jewels of the Big Sky Trial Ride. Come join the Eastern Montana Appalossa Horse Club on Sunday, May 8th for ride outside of Joliet. Everybody is invited to come collect "Jewel" cards at five checkpoint and match for prizes. A barbecue will follow at trails end! Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. and the ride begins at 11:00 a.m. An informational flyer is posted on the County 4-H website. Questions? Call Jody @ 406-671-2503 or email jody@diamondbarx.com

FLATHEAD COUNTY INVITATIONAL HORSE JUDGING

When: Saturday, May 21st, 2011
Where: Mooring Road Arena, Columbia Falls, MT
Registration Opens at 11:00 am with judging at noon.
Registration is due May 7th. Registration forms are in the this newsletter or can be printed off the Yellowstone county 4-H website.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks – Completion awards were given at the pizza and bowling outing.
City Kids – We are going to make club tie dye t-shirts. Fair plans are in the works.
Cool Clovers – Members gave reports about Communication Day, Food Frenzy & their projects. Club fundraisers & Community Service projects were discussed.
Huntley Eagles – Many project and committee reports were given.
Lockwood Humble Bs – We discussed project meetings, drops/adds and fair.
Ruff Riders – The club is doing a photo contest. We talked about fair workshop plans for meals, camp decorations and MetraPark clean up day.
Shepherd Pioneers – We talked about ideas for fun project activities. Plans for the club birthday party are going well.
Town & Country – We did drops and adds. The plan is to dye easter eggs at the next meeting.
Yellowstone Mavericks – We talked about the upcoming dance, a petting zoo and looked at our t-shirt design.

4-H LINGO

We realize that 4-H lingo can be overwhelming. These terms will help you become more familiar with 4-H.

Fair – Each year, members have the opportunity to exhibit their projects at MT Fair. Projects are evaluated by knowledgeable judges who rate the projects and award a ribbon using the Danish system (each project is awarded a ribbon). By using interview judging, members have the chance to learn more about their project.

Interview Judging – Process used to evaluate many 4-H projects. Members and judge visit one-on-one about the project and what the member learned through the process of completing the project.

Montana 4-H Congress – Provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the MSU campus in Bozeman for 4 days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all have a great time with their peers. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H Congress has to offer including: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events, and much more.

Project Leader – Volunteers who are knowledgeable about a certain project area. Project leaders help educate and support the members in that project area. Someone who is good at woodworking, for instance, might be a woodworking project leader for a club, or perhaps on a multi-club or county level.

State Awards – The purpose of State Awards is to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas. More information on State Awards is available at the Extension Office.

LEADER RECORD BOOK COMPLETION 2009 ~ 2010

City Kids

Linda Rath

Ruff Riders

LeAnn Asay

Denise Kennedy

Diane Wilkinson

Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Janell Erickson

Melinda Oedekoven

Dana Wittorff

Project Rockin Wranglers

Kathy Teter

Rebecca Haffey

Jennifer Laszloffy

Stephanie Johnson

Shari Rice

Natasha Zabel



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